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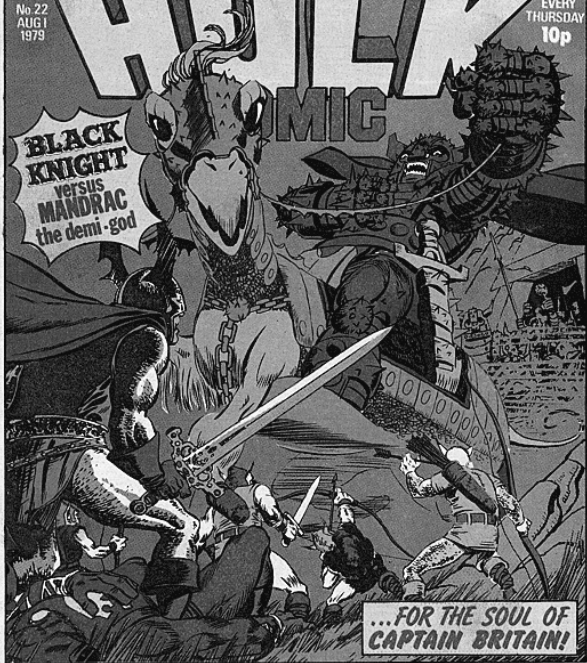
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**BLACK
KNIGHT**
versus
MANDRAC
the demi-god

**...FOR THE SOUL OF
CAPTAIN BRITAIN!**



HULK BATTLES THE DEMON FROM THE FIFTH DIMENSION!

THE INCREDIBLE

HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!

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NEXT: CAN HULK SURVIVE THE MENACE CALLED TABOO?

TO BATTLE—FOR THE BODY OF A FALLEN CRUSADER!

THE BLACK KNIGHT

THE BLACK KNIGHT HAS ARRIVED AT THE GATES OF OTHERWORLD, ONLY TO FIND THAT HIS COMRADE IN ARMS, CAPTAIN BRITAIN, HAS BEEN SLAIN BY THE WHITE RIDER OF DEATH!

THIS QUEST WAS ILLUSTRATED FROM THE BEGINNING... AND NOW ENDS FITTINGLY, IN IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT!

WOULD THAT MY LIFE HAD BEEN TAKEN, INSTEAD OF HIS!

BUT WHERE A HUMAN WILL MAY WAVER... AN ELF'S MAY PERSEVERE...

GATHER YOUR RESOLVE, MY FRIEND... FOR WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF OTHERWORLD... WHERE LIFE AND DEATH ARE ONE!

AND REMEMBER WHO WAITS FOR US THERE... MERLYN HIMSELF!

HE INSTRUCTED US TO BRING HIM CAPTAIN BRITAIN... AND WE HAVE OBEYED!

MERLYN IS MASTER OF MANY THINGS, IT'S TRUE... BUT CAN HE HOLD SWAY OVER DEATH ITSELF?

NO! HE CANNOT!

BY THE GODS... WHO HAS SPOKEN?

IT IS I WHO SPEAKS, MORTAL...

THE NETHERGOD MANDRAC, LORD OF THE SLAIN!

MY SERVANT THE WHITE RIDER HAS CLAIMED THE BODY OF YOUR COMRADE... NOW I CLAIM HIS SOUL!

SUCH IS MY RIGHT... AND SUCH IS MY WILL!



WITH THAT, THE IMPASSIVE FIGURE OF MANDRAC TURNED BACK THROUGH THE GATES OF OTHERWORLD...

HIS WARRIORS FOLLOWED BEHIND, CARRYING THE LIFELESS BODY OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN... EX-HERO!



WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM TAKE HIM!

YOU'RE RIGHT! MANDRAC MAY POSSESS POWER UNDEARLED OF, BUT WE'LL FIGHT HIM TO THE LAST!



YOUR ATTACK IS FUTILE, KNIGHT... YOUR WEAPONS ARE POWERLESS AGAINST US...

PREPARE TO EAT YOUR WORDS...



WRAAAK!

...TIS EXCALIBUR YOU SPEAK OF!



NOW STAND ASIDE... THE BLACK KNIGHT COMMANDS IT!

BRAAANG!



WE HAVE OUR ORDERS, TOO... OUR LORD MANDRAC HAS MADE IT CLEAR... NONE MAY PASS!



MOONDOG! WHILE I OCCUPY THIS BRUTE, TAKE BUCKTHORN AND THE OTHERS THROUGH THE GATES... MURRAY!



COME, ALL OF YOU... MAKE HASTE!

BUT WHAT OF THE KNIGHTS HE MAY NEED OUR HELP?



YOU HEARD HIS COMMAND... WE WANT US TO FOLLOW MANDRAC! WE MUST NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE CAPTAIN'S BODY...

EVEN IF WE MUST APPROACH THE BORDERS OF NETHER-WORLD ITSELF!

MEANWHILE, THE VALIANT KNIGHT BATTLED ON...



BREAKING SUDDENLY FROM THE FIGHT, THE KNIGHT CALLED FOR HIS WINGED STEED...



AT SUCH TIMES AS THIS, ONLY RETREAT WILL SUFFICE. SO RIDE ON VALINOR!



ONLY ONE THING REMAINS TO BE DONE...



I MUST RETRIEVE THE CAPTAIN'S STAFF... LEST IT SHOULD FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY!



THEY ARE THROUGH THE GATES... WE HAVE FAILED TO HOLD HIM!



TOO LATE! THE GATES HAVE CLOSED... WE ARE TRAPPED! TRAPPED IN THIS ALIEN LAND!



AND AT THAT MOMENT, THE BLACK KNIGHT EMERGED INTO THE STRANGE LIGHT OF...

...OTHERWORLD! THE MYSTIC REALM... SOULAGE OF ALL WONDER AND MAGIC!

IN SPITE OF ALL THAT HAS TRANSPIRED, I FEEL MY SPIRITS LIFTING!



SEE, THE CAPTAIN'S STAFF GLOWS WITH INNER LIGHT... A SYMBOL OF THE HOPE THAT MUST NEVER DIE!

THERE IS NEW LIFE HERE... A LIFE THAT WILL LEAD US BEYOND THE POWERS OF DARKNESS... TO VICTORY!



NEXT WEEK "AND MERLYN SHALL LEAD THEM"—DON'T MISS IT!

IN ACTION TOGETHER - THE WONDROUS WASP AND

ANT-MAN!

THE ANT-MAN AND HIS NEW PARTNER, THE WONDROUS WASP, ARE RUSHING TO INTERCEPT AN ALIEN MONSTER FROM THE PLANET KOSMOS... AND TO ADD TO ANT-MAN'S PROBLEMS, THE WASP CONFESSES HER LOVE FOR HIM!

NO! YOU MUSTN'T SAY THAT, JANET! YOU'RE ONLY A CHILD! LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT... I CHOSE YOU AS MY PARTNER, SURELY, BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU HAD A REASON, AS I HAVE, TO FIGHT FOR MANKIND!

I NEVER WANT TO LOVE AGAIN! I-- I COULDN'T BEAR IT IF I HAD TO LOSE A LOVED ONE-- TWICE!

SO I'M ONLY A CHILD, AM I?? WELL, MISTER ANT-MAN, WE SHALL SEE!

SHE IS SO LIKE MARIA... HER BEAUTY... HER SPIRIT!! I MUST BE CAREFUL, LEST I DO FALL IN LOVE WITH HER!



LEE! HUNTLEY • KIRBY! HECK



THIS IS MY PARTNER, THE WASP! YOU WILL BE TO HER AS YOU ARE TO ME! NOW, MY FRIENDS, TOGETHER WE WILL DEFEAT THIS STRANGE MENACE FROM SPACE!

WE CANNOT AID YOU THIS TIME, ANT-MAN! THIS CREATURE... THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT IT THAT PREVENTS US FROM APPROACHING IT! WE CANNOT!



SUDDENLY, THE EARTH SHAKES AS THE MILITARY BATTERIES OPEN FIRE! THE CREATURE FROM KOSMOS HAS APPEARED!



NOTHING STOPS IT! SHELLS, BULLETS, MEAN NOTHING TO IT! IT... IT'S TERRIBLE... FORMLESS! I CAN'T LOOK AT IT!

DON'T LOOK AT IT OR YOU'RE LOST! RETREAT! PULL BACK! PASS THE WORD!

THE MOST MODERN WEAPONS WON'T STOP IT! AND WITHOUT US, WE HAVE HARDLY A CHANCE.

THAT AWFUL THING KILLED MY FATHER! IF YOU'RE AFRAID, I'M NOT!



THE WASP FLIES STRAIGHT TOWARD THE TOWERING, SOULLESS MONSTROSITY...

WASP! COME BACK! YOU FOOL CHILD! COME BACK!

I'LL SHOW HIM I'M NOT A CHILD! NOT A CHILD!



ALIEN, MIASMIC TENTACLES LICK OUT AT THE TINY FLYING FIGURE, REACHING FORMLESS FOG-FINGERS, LIKE TRICKLES OF DOOM... BUT STILL SHE FLIES CLOSER--CLOSER--UNTIL HE SEEMS TO DRAW HER TO HIM...



DON'T LOOK AT THE THING! TURN YOUR HEAD! I'M COMING...



I CAN'T HELP MYSELF! I'M BEING DRAWN TOWARDS HIM!

HURLING HIMSELF INTO SPACE, ANT-MAN SEIZES THE WASP'S HAND, HIS WEIGHT CARRYING HER DOWN, AWAY FROM THE CREATURE FROM MOSCOW.



DON'T YOU TRY ANYTHING LIKE THAT AGAIN! I DIDN'T SAY I WAS QUITTING! I'VE JUST GOT TO FIND A WAY TO FIGHT THAT THING! AND I THINK I'VE FOUND IT NOW!



GOT TO RUSH BACK TO THE LABORATORY! THE MUST... WHAT THE ANTS SAID IT ALL! ADE UP! THIS CREATURE IS NOT MADE AS WE ARE! IT IS AN ACID SPECIES COMPOSED MAINLY OF FORMIC ACID...



MINUTES LATER, IN HENRY PONS LAB... ON THE SHELF IN THE CLOSET YOU'LL FIND A 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN AND SOME SHELLS! BRING THEM HERE AND EMPTY OUT THE SHELLS!



MAN USES FORMIC ACID AS A TYLE / MEDICAL DOCTORS DISTILLED THE ACID FROM ANTS, BUT MODERN MAN USES AN OXALIC BASE... AND THE ANTIDOTE? YES, HERE IT IS...



HELP ME FILL THESE SHELLS... HURRY!



WHAT IS THIS STUFF?



THE ANTIDOTE TO FORMIC ACID! CERTAIN SPECIES OF ANTS USE THE ACID TO STING AND KILL ENEMIES! WE ARE FILLING THESE SHELLS WITH THE ANTIDOTE! AND, JANET...



PRAY THAT MY THINKING IS RIGHT! IF IT ISN'T, THIS COULD VERY WELL BE THE END OF OUR WORLD! THE END OF MANKIND AS WE KNOW IT! NOW, WE MUST BECOME... ANT-MAN! ARE YOU READY?



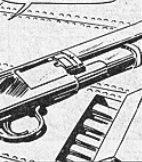
AND SO...



BUT NOW, HOW CAN WE CARRY THE RIFLE AND THE SHELLS?



MY FRIENDS, THE ANTS, SHALL DO THAT FOR US!



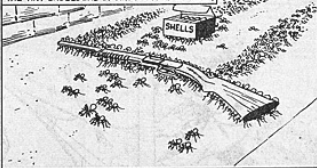
ANT-MAN SENDS OUT SIGNALS TO THE ANTS, AND...

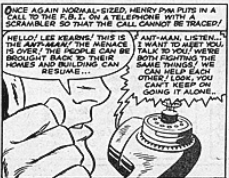
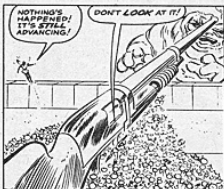
CARRY THOSE! WE MUST HURRY! WHERE IS THE ALIEN MON?



WALL STREET! NOTHING STOPS HIM! EVERY WEAPON HAS FAILED!

SO THE STRANGE PROCESSION BEGINS ITS MARCH, AS THE FATE OF MANKIND RESTS ON THE TINY SHOULDERS OF ANT-MAN AND THE WASP!





ANOTHER
ADVENTURE
with
ANT-MAN
NEXT WEEK.

HULK LETTERS



Okay, this is it! We promised we'd publish the results of our Letters Column Title competition last week, but truth to tell we were still receiving your entries when we sent the issue to the printers. And we could hardly close the comp without hearing from all of you, now could we?

The number of terrific title ideas staggered us, here are just a few of them...

Stampage, Rampage Page (Peter Watson); Hulk Hotline (John Pritchard); The Jolly Green Giant's Mail Bag (Martin Uroh); Hulk Mail, Hulk Comic Circle (Dudley Howell); Daily Rampage (Mark Gandine) (*Daily??*); Hulk's Ramping Column (Jason Tunbridge); Hulk's Fistful of Letters (Justin Tunbridge); Greenskin Letters (Guy Lloyd); Hail Hulk, Hints to Hulk (Dominic McSweeney); Jade Jaws Sounds Off (Darren Cope); Hulk's Letterbox (Graham Pluck); Grapple With Greeny (Simon Thomas); Rage to Hulk (Christopher Hurst); Hulk Bulk (Chris Chandler); Monster's Mailbag (Elizabeth McCartney); Gamma Gabbia (Mark Ottowell); Hi Hulk (Jamie Mitchell); Hulk's Marvel Column (John Lorimer); Gamma Gossip, Crushing Comments (Anthony Lowes); Goliath's Smashing Mail (Stephen Nichols); Hulk's Bulktalk (Tim Rogerson); Hulk's Ramping (Peter Scholes); Greenskin's Gossip Column (David Benham); Incredible Letters (Nigel Doran); Green Man Replies (Alan Willey); Hulk Out (Steven Hassall); The Incredible Mailbag (Willie Richards); The Big Green Mailbag (Philip Marsh); Hand It To Hulk (Russell Weaving); Greenskin's Gatherings (Kyle Filcher); Hulk Punch Boxes (Jacob Habashi); Reader's Rampage (Andrew Elliott); Gamma Rays (David Pepper); Hulk's Headlines (Thomas Farnhill); Hulk Bulletins (Brian Bevan); Green Groans (Keith Hay-

worth); Green Goliath Grams (Billy Sawyer); Hulk's Incredible Letters (Victor Wright); Greenskin's Mailbag (Paul West); Incredible Letters (*again!*) (Peter Edmondson); Banner's Bunter or Gamma Powered Opinions and Communications—GPO Communications for short (Dean Smith); Green Goings On (+ *eleven other ideas!*) (N. Ellingworth); The Graaaaaauuu Page, Dez and the Hulk's Page (*flatterer*), plus 30 more!! from Russell Tudor.

But congratulations go to Nicholas French, who suggested Put Out The Banner. Though the illustration to accompany it would look silly, it created a few chuckles around the bullpen. However it was Nicholas's second title we really went for. He simply suggested HULK TALK. Let's face it, that just about sums it up—whether it means your letters or the occasional deep voiced reply. So well done, Nick, your original artwork is on the way.

Now to less flippant matters, your comments...

Dear Dez Skinn,

I think **Hulk Comic** is very good. I especially like Ant-Man. But my favourite stories are Hulk and Black Knight. Could you please print the origin of Black Knight soon?

Stewart Dawes, Bolton.

The full origin of Black Knight will be revealed, Stewart, but for now let's just tell you that, like Captain Britain, he was transformed by the mystic Merlyn, to become a champion of justice, to combat great evil in times of need. Though they had never met before, this is why the Knight and Cap were led to Merlyn's aid against Modred and the forces of Netherworld.

Dear Editor,

I collect Hulk every week and think it's great. The only trouble is that I have to read it quick because my Dad likes to read it first!

Hulk-Smitten Gillian, Selly Oak.

Dear Dez,

Black Knight is by far the best thing in **Hulk Comic**. I prefer stories about British heroes. Why not start a new weekly with British characters like Black Knight, Captain Britain, S.T.R.I.K.E. (the British equivalent to S.H.I.E.L.D.), the original hero character Modred, and Walker plus Moondog.

And now to try for a no-prize. In **Rampage Weekly** (no. 10), the Black Knight was in the twelfth century with Richard the Lionheart. So what's the armoured Avenger doing in the pages of **Hulk Comic**?

Richard Bunting, Ashover.

*I'm sure we've said it before, Richard, but here's the story in brief. As established in the now sadly defunct **Super Heroes Weekly**, The Black Knight is not a "free agent" sort of hero. As Merlyn's champion, his soul can be transported to whenever there is great danger to the world. Just as he was (in issue 49) created to fight Modred's agents on earth, so is he now on such a quest. Don't worry, all will be revealed when the full forces of good and evil finally meet. All your questions about Excalibur, Vortegan, Moondog, Captain Britain, Graymalkin and Sarah, Arthur, Avalon... even The Black Knight. There, we've given you a few clues now!*

In the meantime, address all your questions and comments to us at...

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... Dez Skinn/Editor.

HOURS OF MADNESS, DAY OF DEATH FOR...

NICK
FURY

Agent
of

SHIELD

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-CONVENTION DESIGN



WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

SOME NUT JUST
WIGGED OUT...
RIGHT HERE IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THE STREET!

HAPPENS ALL
THE TIME! IT'S
THE PACE, THE
PRESSURES IN
THIS TOWN...

IT'S NOT
SAFE TO GO
OUT ANYMORE!
WHY DON'T
THEY DO SOMETHING
ABOUT HIS KIND
RUNNING FREE?

WHAT'S THE
FLAP, LOU?
TROUBLE?

I DUNNO...
JUST DUNNO!
MINUTE I
TURNED
AROUND, HE
SEEMED TO
GO TO HELL...

LIKE HE WAS
HAVIN' SOME
KINDA BIG
RIGHT INSIDE
HIMSELF...
AND JUST
GOSH!

2:00 P.M.: A SHIELD MOBILE-
FIELD UNIT KNIFES THROUGH
THE MID-DAY TRAFFIC...

GOD'DURN IT! IF ONLY
THAT MULE-HEADED EX-
THREE-STRIPER'D LEARN
NOT TO TRY AN' DO EVERY-
THING HIMSELF!

YOU KNOW FURY,
DUM-DUM... WITH SOME-
THING MAKING HIS BEST
AGENTS CRACK-UP AND
TURN ON ALL AROUND
THEM...

HE'S NOT ABOUT
TO SIT AT A DESK
LIKE ANY
NORMAL AGENCY
DIRECTOR WHEN
HE COULD BE
TRACKING DOWN
WHAT'S BEHIND
IT!

SURE, I KNOW! AN' I WOULDN'T
LIKE THE STUBBORN CUSS
ANY OTHER WAY...

BUT IT DON'T
STOP ME FROM
WOODYIN'
ABOUT 'IM!

MAYBE YOU CAN RELAX A LITTLE,
DUM-DUM... I'VE MADE A FIX ON
THE DISCREPANCY BECAUSE
NICK'S CARRYING! HE MUST BE
OUT IN THE OPEN NOW!

GOOD GOSH! GABE! BUT I
AINT GONNA GET MUCH
RELAXIN' DONE 'TIL WE
KNOW WHY NICK AINT
BEEN CHECKIN' IN!

BETTER
FLOOR-
BOARD
'ER,
JIMMY!

WHEN HE
LEFT THIS
MORNIN'
NICK SAID
THERE WAS A
LEAD HE
WANTED TO
FOLLOW UP...

WE SHOULD
KNOW IN A
SECOND...
WE'RE RIGHT
ON TOP OF
THAT SIGNAL!

YEAH,
SOMETHIN'S
GOIN' JUST
AHEAD! IT'S
POLICE!

I READ YOU, MR. DUGAN... SINCE
WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM,
COULD BE THE FLOOR BOARD
GOT ROUGH!

GOODWIN + SPRINGER



3:30 P.M. A STAGGERING, STUMBLING FIGURE, HAVING SAINED TEMPORARY CONTROL IN THE DUEL OF ILLUSION AND REALITY WITHIN HIM, SEEKS SOMEONE TO...

...LISTEN TO ME... I GOTTA...

AND I GOTTA DIRECT TRAFFIC ON ONE OF THE SUEDEST CORNERS IN MANHATTAN!

FIND A QUIET SPOT TO SLEEP 'T O'F' AN' I'LL BE A NICE GUY AN' NOT RUN YA IN!

AND FROM FIGURE TO FIGURE, PLACE TO PLACE, NIP FURY MOVES HELPLESSLY ON...

FINDING ONLY WOOZIE, FRIGHTENED UNCOMPREHENDING FACES...

FUNNY MANS, MOMMY... SEE THE FUNNY MANS...

YES, YES, DADDY... NOW COME AWAY BEFORE HE GETS TOO CLOSE!

UNTIL THE WAR HIS MIND WAGES AGAINST THE DRUG'S EFFECTS REACHES THE BRUCE OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS...

MAN, THIS NEIGHBORHOOD GETS WORSE AN' WORSE... SOMEBODY OUGHTTA DO SUMTHIN' ABOUT IT!

AND, SUDDENLY, A SOFT, GENTLE TOUCH STIRS THE STRICKEN AGENT...

PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED...

I'M SISTER ANGELA OF THE ALL-FAITH MISSION... I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU!

CAN'T TRUST ANYONE... CAN'T... I ALL AFTER ME...

SURELY, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR TROUBLE, THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO...

WE'VE SOUP AND COFFEE AT THE MISSION... YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AFTER HAVING SOME...

TRY TO GET UP... REACH MY CAR...

C-CAR...? GOT TO REACH PICK UP... POINT...

V-VORTEX BEAM PICK-UP POINT... MUST GET INTO TO SHIELD...

GOT TO WARN 'EM... ABOUT... ABOUT... NO, CAN'T BE CERTAIN... YOU MAY BE ONE OF 'EM.

SLOWLY, THE WARMTH AND REASSURANCE OF THE YOUNG GIRL'S SMILE CUTS THROUGH THE DRUG-INSTILLED FEAR, THE DUBIT RAGS IN FURY'S DISTURBED MIND... SLOWLY, HE MOVES TOWARD HER CAR, STILL FIGHTING THE HALLUCINATORY INCOGNITIVE HAZE THAT THREATENS TO EXHAUST HIM INTO FULL-BLOWN MADNESS... BUT THE SLIGHTEST PROVOCATION...

THIS PICK-UP POINT... CAN YOU REMEMBER WHERE IT IS?

MOUNTAIN ROAD... OUTSIDE CITY...

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND... BUT I'VE HEARD OF SHIELD; I CAN HELP IF ONLY YOU'D TRUST ME!

HURRY... TIME RUNNIN' OUT!

NEXT WEEK: THE FATEFUL CONCLUSION—DON'T MISS IT!

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THE ETERNALS

IN THE CITY OF DEVIANTS, BEFORE THE COURT OF THE GREAT GOD, A TOURNAMENT IS TAKING PLACE. THE GLADIATOR KNOWN AS THE REJECT HAS ALREADY DESPATCHED HIS AWESOME FOE, KRAKRS... AND NOW BATTLES WITH PALACE GUARDS!

PRESSING HIS REMAINING ATTACKER AGAINST THE WALL, THE REJECT TURNS HIS TRAPPER INTO THE TRAPPED! THEN, A MIGHTY ARM SWEEPS BACKWARD TO GAIN MOMENTUM...



THE ENSUING BLOW STRIKES



A JRM PUSH FALLS UPON THE ARENA, THE ROYAL COURT SURVEYS THE CHAOS IN DISMAY! THEY HAVE WITNESSED A SLAUGHTER... BUT WITH TOTALLY UNEXPECTED RESULTS!



THE REJECT SLOWLY ADVANCES TOWARD THEM... HIS FEET TOUCH THE FLOOR LIKE THOSE OF A STALKING TIGER!!



HE LEAPS AT THEM... AND STRIKES FIRE! A PROTECTIVE ENERGY SCREEN FLARES INTO ACTION BEARS HIM TO HIS MARRON!!



WHEN IT CLEARS...

...HE'S A DESTROYER!



SUDDENLY, GREAT TOPE SPEAKS...



KRO NEVER CARRIES OUT THE ORDER! THE ARENA IS VOLTED BY A TRENDOR OR EARTHQUAKE PROPORTION!!





DRIVEN INTO THE ATLANTIC DEPTHS AFTER A COSMIC WAR
WITH THE SPACE GODS, A ONCE POWERFUL SPECIES OF MAN
HAS REBUILT UPON THE ASHES OF ANCIENT LEGIONS. THE
DEVIANTS HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THAT WAR. THEY'VE BUILT
THE ARMS BENEATH THE SEA, FORGING FORTHWARD WEAPONS,
IN PREPARATION FOR THE RETURN OF THEIR ENEMY FROM
SPACE! NOW, ONE OF THEM HAS COME--A MARAUDING
BEAR AMONG SHARKING SHIPS!!





AS THE WATERS BEGIN TO LEVEL OFF, RESCUE VESSELS RUSH SPEEDILY TO THE SCENE OF DAMAGE, BUT THE DEVIANTS ARE IN THE GRIP OF SHOCK AND CHAOS...

DON'T PANIC!
DON'T PANIC!
THE SITUATION
IS UNDER CONTROL!



IT IS THE DEVIANT WAY! THE COMMONER IS EXPENDABLE! IT IS THE STRUCTURE AND THOSE WHO RULE IT THAT MUST BE SAVED!

EMERGENCY DIVISION
IS DOING ALL IT CAN,
COMMISSIONER!

TRY HARDER,
DOLT! THE
FLOOD HAS
REACHED
THE PALACE!



THE GREAT TODE AND HIS ROYAL FAMILY SHALL BE SPARED ANY FEAR OR DISCOMFORT! EVERY POSSIBLE AID HAS BEEN DISPATCHED!

I HOPE YOU INCLUDED ASSAULT TROOPS! THERE'S SOME SORT OF DEVIANTRY HAPPENING IN THE ROYAL COMBAT ARENA! AND OUR RULES ARE THERE, IN ATTENDANCE!



MEANWHILE, ESON, THE CELESTIAL, HAS LEFT LENUZIA AND GLIDES LIKE A MAGNETHON PHANTOM THROUGH THE DEEPS. FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS IT WILL BE HIS PERSONAL DOMAIN...



IT IS IN THE MOUNTAIN-TOP CITY OF OLYMPIA, A HOME OF THE ETERNALS, THAT THE CELESTIAL HISTORIES ARE MORE ACCURATELY ASSESSED...

THE SPACE GODS ARE FORAGING FAR FROM THEIR BASE IN THE ANDES, DOMO! THEIR OPERATION IS SPREADING ACROSS THE WORLD...



ALTHOUGH THE MINDS OF ETERNALS ARE WONDER WITHOUT EQUAL, THE "LINK-UP" CAN ENABLE US TO HAVE MORE INTIMATE CONTACT WITH THOSE OF INTER-GALACTIC ORIGIN!

THE CELESTIALS REPRESENT POWER BEYOND MEASURE. THEIR THOUGHTS DO NOT YIELD TO COMMUNICATION EASILY!!



ONCE STIMULATED BY THE "LINK-UP", THE MIND OF THE ELDEST ETERNAL, SHARES ALL OTHERS ON EARTH... IT PENETRATES THE HULL OF THE GARGANTUAN CRAFT--AND MAKES SUDDEN CONTACT!!



WHAT HAS ZURAS CONTACTED? SEE NEXT ISSUE!

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WHAT IF RICK JONES HAD BECOME THE



PART THREE

ALONE AGAINST ANNIHILUS

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ON AN ALTERNATE WORLD, MUCH LIKE SANDY WAS IN THE 1960s, A BLAST OF GAMMA RAYS CREATED THE NULKE, BUT THE VICTIM WAS NOT PRINCE BANNER, THREE-TEENAGE RICK JONES.



WHAT'RE THOSE NOISES COMIN' FROM AROUND THAT CORNER? SOUNDS LIKE A FULL-SCALE WAR!



OH, MAN!!

IT'S HIM-- THE ONE 'N' ONLY CAPTAIN AMERICA!!

AND THOSE PUDS WE'D FIGHTIN'! BURE AN'T THE MARINES!

KILL HIM --FOR HYDRA!

THEY CALL CAP A ONE-ARM ARMY-- WHICH IS SOMETHIN' I SURE WON'T KNOCK.

BUT THAT WON'T STOP THAT AVASKEG GUY FROM BLASTIN' CAP IN THE BACK!



SO, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M SORRY HAVE TO PUT THIS CREEP OUT--

SUGGHHH!!



--STARTIN' WITH ONE PERFECT TACKLE!

WHATEVER YOU ARE, DON'T YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE!

NO BIG DEAL, CAP. I USED TO FIGHT HYDRA'S BAPDS THAN THESE CRUMBS.



GIMME ANOTHER SECOND.

--AND WE'LL END THIS BOUT TOGETHER!

AND, IN ANOTHER SECOND...

I LIKE YOUR STYLE, RICK... AND YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT.



I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME RICK JONES. WHATEVER FRIENDS I'VE GOT LEFT, THAT IS.

FACT IS, YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEONE.

... SOMEONE FROM THOSE GREEN DAYS.

"CAPTAIN AMERICA MAKES RICK AN OFFER, WHICH, WITHOUT DELIBERATION, HE ACCEPTS.

YOU'RE STRONG, RICK, BUT THE WEIGHTS WILL TONE YOUR MUSCLES.

"AND SOON, IN A PRIVATE GYMNASIUM...



REMEMBER, IT WON'T BE STREET FIGHTS WE'LL BE GETTIN' INTO, SO IT'S IMPERATIVE YOU MASTER THE MARTIAL--

WINDA!

AND YOU'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM GYMNASTICS--

--LIKE AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION.



"INSTEAD, A GOLL-BEARING RICK HITCHHIKES OUT OF THE CITY, WHERE ...

"IT'S... CAPT!
OR, A GLOWING
FIGURE THAT
LOOKS LIKE
CAPT!



"AND IT'S
GETTING
TO ME!

"HEY, WAIT UP!
YOU'RE NOT RUNNING
OUT ON ME!

HE WAS
POINTING AT THESE
FAR-OUT-
BOLD-
LETS!



THEY'RE
THROBBING
--LIKE
THEY'RE
ALIVE!"

CAN'T
RESIST
TRYING
'EM
ON--

"RICK EXPLAINS EVERYTHING TO THE
SYMPATHETIC KREE WARRIOR AND THE
ARRANGEMENT PROVED TO BE A
SUCCESSFUL ONE!

"WHenever GREAT POWER IS
NEEDED, IT IS MAR-VELL, AND NOT
THE HULK, THAT PERFORMS THE DEED."

"...WHILE RICK,
TRAPPED IN THIS
TIMELESS ANTI-
COSMOS, REMAINS
...SAFE?"

"AND
ALONE?"



WHO ELSE COULD
IT BE? EXPLAIN... BUT
THE SUPREME RULER
OF THIS NIGHTMARE
REALM?

"WHO, INDEED,
BUT
ANNIHILUS?!"

"HERE, THE
WILL OF ANNIHILUS
IS SUPREME, AND MY
WILL IS THAT ALL BEINGS
FROM YOUR HATED
SPHERE...
--MUST
DIE!"

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT
YOU SEE AND HEAR, FOR THE
NEGA-BANDS WILL SHRINK
TO FIT YOUR WRISTS.



DO AS
I SAY!
...AND SLAM
YOUR WRISTS
TOGETHER,
WITH ALL
YOUR MIGHT!

FAN-
TASTIC!

YOU HAVE FREED ME, RICK
JONES-- RELEASING CAPTAIN
MARVEL FROM THE
NEGATIVE ZONE!

BUT FEAR
NOT: YOU
WON'T STAY
THERE
FOREVER!

NO? I
WOULD
SHOULD.

--ESPECIALLY
IF I BLOW IT
AND CHANGE TO
THE HULK AGAIN.

SURE, I'LL HAVE
TO DO WHAT THAT
MAJELL DUDE
TOLD ME.

--SO
SILVERTOP
AND I CAN
SWITCH ATOMS,
AND HE CAN
FIGHT THIS
ANNIHIL--

NO, WAIT!
I'M CHANGING
AGAIN INTO--

FAN-TASTIC! I
DID FIGHT OFF THE
HULK--AND NOW!

NOW I
BRING YOU OUT
OF THE NEGATIVE
ZONE TO MY HALL
OF JUDGMENT
ON NALA--

...HEADQUARTERS
PLANET OF THE
STAR-SPINNING
KREES.

THE KREE ARE
ENGAGED IN AN
INTERGALACTIC WAR
WITH THEIR MORTAL FOES,
THE SKRULLS.



FAN-TASTIC!
I DON'T BECOME
THE GREEN GIANT!
THE HULK COULD
NEVER DO--

--THIS!!
I'M BLASTIN'
THE FREAK--WITH
MY MIND--BUT
NOW...WHY?

YOU MAY
THANK THE
INTELLIGENCE
SUPREME,
RICK JONES--
THE COLLECTED
WILL OF THE MOST
FANTASTIC MINDS
OF THE KREE RACE.

"UNDER THE INTELLIGENCE SUPREME'S
GUIDANCE, RICK'S MIND IS A CRUCIAL
WEAPON IN THE KREE/SKRULL WAR."

"CAPTAIN MARVEL
AND THE EARTH'S
AVENGERS ARE
ALSO PARTICIPANTS
IN THAT WAR."

"WHEN THE FINAL
BATTLE HAS BEEN
FOUGHT--

...AND EARTH'S HEROES BROUGHT TO
NALA BY THE INTELLIGENCE SUPREME--



"...IT IS LEARNED WHAT PRICE RICK JONES
HAS PAID FOR HIS VALOUR."

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OF OVER-
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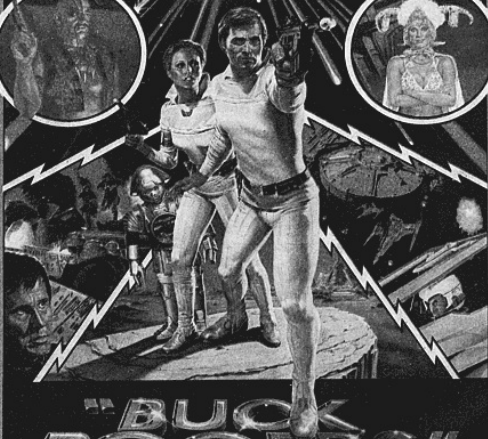
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